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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUCHAREST 3146

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY DENT'S POSSIBLE TRAVEL

REF: A) STATE 166645; B) BUCHAREST 3140

1. CHARGE DISCUSSED WITH MIN FOREIGN TRADE OFFICIALS THE POSSIBILITY OF SECRETARY DENT'S VISIT TO BUCHAREST DURING PERIOD SEP 21-28. THEY CONFIRMED, AS WE EXPECTED, THAT VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE ION PATAN WILL BE OUT OF BUCHAREST DURING THIS ENTIRE PERIOD ACCOMPANYING PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU ON HIS SOUTH AMERICAN TOUR. HE IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO BUCHAREST WITH PRESIDENT ON SEPTEMBER 30 FOLLOWING VISIT TO ARGENTINA ON SEPTEMBER 28-29, ACCORDING TO MINISTRY OFFICIALS (REFTEL B). PATAN HIMSELF EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT IN MISSING SECRETARY'S VISIT AND SAID HE HOPED THAT SECRETARY MIGHT BE ABLE TO POSTPONE TRIP TO BUCHAREST UNTIL AFTER SEP 30. IN ANY CASE, MINISTER AND STATE SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN TRADE NICOLAE NICOLAE SAID HE WILL BE AVAILABLE AND WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET SECRETARY DENT ANYTIME DURING SEP 21-28 PERIOD AT SECRETARY'S CONVENIENCE.

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2. POSSIBILITY OF SECRETARY'S VISIT WAS ALSO BROUGHT UP BY CHARGE AT FOREIGN MINISTRY DURING CALL COVERING SEVERAL

SUBJECTS. DEPUTY MINISTER GLIGA (WHO WILL BE ACTING MINISTER AT TIME OF PROJECTED VISIT) SAID HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO SEE SECRETARY AND WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO HELP ARRANGE USEFUL PROGRAM FOR HIM.

3. CONSIDERING AVAILABILITY OF MINISTER NICOLAE AND WILLINGNESS OF BOTH NICOLAE AND GLIGA TO CONTRIBUTE TO SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM, WE RECOMMEND THAT SECRETARY CONTINUE WITH PLANS TO VISIT BUCHAREST DURING SEP 21-28 PERIOD, IF THAT IS ONLY TIME AVAILABLE. WE SUGGEST, HOWEVER, THAT SECRETARY FIRST CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF STOPOVER IN BUCHAREST ON RETURN TRIP AFTER OCT 1-3 MEETING IN MOSCOW IN ORDER TO MEET WITH PATAN. ALTHOUGH SUBJECT DID NOT ARISE DURING DISCUSSIONS, THERE WOULD THEN BE POSSIBILITY OF ADDITIONAL MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU SINCE HE HAS SHOWN CONSISTENT INTEREST IN MEETING WITH MANY OTHER HIGH US OFFICIALS VISITING BUCHAREST.
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